

February 25th, 2024

The King We All Want

Matthew 9:18-35

1) James suggested that Matthew's aim in this sequence is to help us see Jesus clearly with eyes of faith. What new glimpses of Jesus did the Holy Spirit give you today through God's Word?

2) There were 5 big points today about the kind of King Jesus is... he is a King who Heals our Deepest Pain; a King who Covers our Deepest Shame; a King who Meets our Deepest Need; a King who Frees us from our Deepest Strongholds; and a King who Fulfills our Deepest Longings. Which of these scenes could you most relate to?

- Share with each other which of these most impacted you or ministered to you and why.
- Share with each other which of these is most difficult for you to internalize or connect with and why.

3) Two side notes in the message pertained to Jesus' responsiveness to interruptions and Jesus' avoidance of the spotlight. Do you see any relationship between these two features of Jesus' ministry? What concrete things can you adjust to your life in order to follow Jesus in these ways?

4) Consider this quote from Richard Lovelace: *"In the hearts of people there is a groping, inarticulate conviction that if the right ruler would only come along, the world would be healed of all its wounds. Creation is headless and desperately searching for its head."*

Discuss the ways in which you see this groping in your life, in the church and in the culture along with how we might orient ourselves and approach this election year in a distinctly Christian way that looks to Jesus as the King we all want.